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ITEMS 5, 6, 7, AND 8

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(D) GENEVA 11762

1. SUMMARY: AFTER SEVERAL DAYS' NEEDLESS DELAY CAUSED  
BY THE ELEVENTH-HOUR, FIFTY-NINTH-MINUTE DISTRIBUTION  
OF THIRTEEN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS 5, 6, 7,  
AND 8, ECOSOC PLENARY ADOPTED ALL BY CONSENSUS,  
EXCEPT FOR L.46 (MIGRATORY LABOR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA)  
WHICH WAS MERELY SENT WITHOUT COMMENT TO THE GA FOR  
CONSIDERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. DISCUSSION IN ECOSOC PLENARY OF AGENDA ITEMS 5, 6,  
7, AND 8 BEGAN MORNING OF JULY 28 WITH STATEMENTS BY  
REPRESENTATIVES OF ZAMBIA, LESOTHO, SEYCHELLES, USSR,  
WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, UNHCR, FINLAND, AND USYG'S COORDINATOR  
FOR SPECIAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (GOUNDREY). FURTHER  
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DISCUSSION RESUMED AUGUST 1, WITH STATEMENTS BY BOTSWANA,  
SUDAN (WHO INTRODUCED ON BEHALF OF AFRICAN GROUP THE  
13 DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON THESE AGENDA ITEMS THAT HAD BEEN  
DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATIONS ONLY A FEW HOURS EARLIER THAT  
MORNING), UK, FRG, OAU, USA, CANADA, NORWAY, IMF, INDIA,  
PRC, YUGOSLAVIA, POLAND, JAMAICA, PORTUGAL, AUSTRIA,  
JAPAN, AND UGANDA. (THESE RESOLUTIONS REPORTED IN PART

IN REFTELS. REMAINDER WILL BE DATAFAXED FROM NEW YORK.)  
UGANDA NOTED THAT CDP REPORT SHOULD HAVE INCLUDED STATES  
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 7, IN LIST OF LEAST DEVELOPED OF THE  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UGANDA SUPPORTS CRITERIA THE CDP  
APPLIED, BUT HOPES THE CDP WILL REEXAMINE THESE CRITERIA  
WHEN NEXT IT MEETS.

3. THIRTEEN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS MENTIONED PARA 2 WOULD  
HAVE BEEN PUT UP FOR POSSIBLE CONSENSUS APPROVAL AUGUST 1,  
BUT ON URGING OF US AND FRG DELS, CONSIDERATION OF ALL  
BUT L.45 (HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA,  
AGENDA ITEM 6) WAS POSTPONED TO FOLLOWING DAY. L.45  
WAS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS AFTER BOTH SUDANESE AND  
ETHIOPIAN REPS VOICED THEIR AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXT.

4. PLENARY MEETING OF AUGUST 2 ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS,  
IN RAPID-FIRE SUCCESSION TEN OF THE REMAINING DRAFT  
RESOLUTIONS: L.34, 37, 47, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, AND

44. US DEL VOICED RESERVATIONS ON L.34 AS INSTRUCTED  
IN STATE 194455, PARA 1. GUINEA-BISSAU REP URGED ECOSOC  
IN FUTURE TO REVIEW CRITICALLY THE CRITERIA FOR INCLU-  
SION IN THE LIST OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, SINCE  
THE PRESENT CRITERIA ARE BOTH OUT-OF-DATE AND UNJUST.

5. PLENARY THEN TURNED TO DRAFT RESOLUTION L.35  
(ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE). FRG PROPOSED CHANGES IN  
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OPERATIVE PARA 8 WHICH TUNISIA REJECTED ON BEHALF OF  
COSPONSORS. (FYI: TUNISIAN REJECTION WAS UNEXPECTED  
SNAFU. FRG DEL HAD EARLIER BEEN INFORMED BY SECRETARIAT  
THAT AFRICAN GROUP HAD AGREED TO PROPOSED CHANGES.  
UNFORTUNATELY, SUDAN, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CO-  
SPONSORS, HAD NEGLECTED TO INFORM OTHER AFRICAN DELS  
OF ACCEPTED CHANGE. WHEN FRG MADE THE PROPOSAL IN  
PLENARY, SUDANESE REPRESENTATIVE WAS ABSENT AND TUNISIAN  
REP BELIEVED HE WAS SAVING THE DAY FOR THE AFRICAN GROUP  
WHEN HE REJECTED PROPOSAL ON BEHALF OF COSPONSORS. LATER,  
AFRICANS WERE UNWILLING TO RETURN TO POSITION AGREED TO  
BY SUDAN WITHOUT SOME FACE-SAVING MEASURE. THIS LEFT  
FRG DEL ANGRY WITH AFRICANS AND WITH GOUNDRY, WHO HAD  
ASSURED THEM THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE UNOPPOSED. US WAS  
NOT INVOLVED IN THIS CHASE. END FYI)

6. AUGUST 3 PLENARY RETURNED TO L.35 AND ACCEPTED  
CHANGES PROPOSED BY FRG. OPERATIVE PARA 8 OF L.35  
NOW READS "INVITES ALL STATES FOR THE BALANCE OF THE  
CURRENT DEVELOPMENT DECADE TO CONSIDER GRANTING MOZAMBIQUE,  
IN VIEW OF ITS DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE SAME  
TREATMENT AS IS ENJOYED BY THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG

THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;". HOWEVER, PRICE OF ACCEPTING THIS CHANGE WAS A CHANGE IN OPERATIVE PARA 9, WHICH NOW READS "REQUESTS THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO GRANT SPECIAL ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE IN CARRYING OUT ITS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION...". US DEL MADE STATEMENT CONTAINING RESERVATIONS PER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. L.35 WAS THEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

7. FINALLY, PLENARY TURNED TO L.46 (MIGRATORY LABOR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA). FRG ON BEHALF OF EC-9 HAD BEEN TRYING TO AVOID ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION. (FYI: FRG REP WAS STRONGLY UPSET THAT US DEL INTENDED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICIPATE IN ANY POSSIBLE CONSENSUS APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. END FYI) AFRICAN GROUP ACCEPTED COMPROMISE SOLUTION OF SENDING THE ITEM TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHOUT COMMENT FOR CONSIDERATION. THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS.

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